

THE CONDITION OF EUROPE.

During the past half century it has been the theory of European Governments that the peace and prosperity of that continent depended upon the preservation of the balance of power established by the treaties of 1713. When Napoleon was finally disposed of and the Bourbons again placed upon France a congress of the Great Powers made a division of the territorial acquisitions of the alliance, and remodelled the boundary lines of Central Europe. Having thus settled the affairs of the continent to their satisfaction, the various governments found themselves by solemn treaties to preserve the order of things which they had established.

THE WRECK OF THE SAGINAW.

The New York papers furnish us with interesting accounts of the wreck of the Saginaw, and of the crew of the vessel. Our readers will remember that in the latter part of October, the United States steamer Saginaw was wrecked on a low and desert island in the Pacific Ocean. Before the ship went to pieces the crew were able to secure some provisions, medicines and tools, and get them safely to shore. After fourteen hours of this perilous labor, all partook of a light supper of damaged bread and meat, and sank to rest in the sand. The next morning, the ninety-three persons who composed the ship's crew were put on short rations. Parties at once explored the island and dug in the sand for water, but without success. In a few days, however, the engineers rigged a distiller out of some small machinery saved from the wreck, and one great danger was removed; but relief of engineers and seamen kept constant watch over the precious machine, until the rainy season set in. The men were at once set to work fitting the captain's gig for an expedition to Honolulu to procure relief, and building a new boat in which to visit a neighboring island for fish, turtles and sea-birds. The weakness and illness of the men in consequence of poor and insufficient rations, delayed the completion of this work. At last, nearly a month after the wreck, the gig started for the Sandwich Islands, under charge of the executive officer of the Saginaw, and manned by four seamen. Everyone knows, however, after a voyage of eleven hundred miles and over a month's duration, they reached land; how the boat was upset in the surf, and the commander and three of the crew, weakened by exposure and privation, were drowned; how the surviving seaman, seizing the bag which contained the official dispatches and private letters of the wrecked company, carried it through the surf and up the beach beyond reach of the waves, and dropped senseless on the sand.

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